Corruption in the Medical Department.

15. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether doctors, compounders and others swindle hospital medicines got down through the Medical Department and sent to Hospitals ; and

(*b*) whether items like batta, etc., necessary for the purposes of hospitals are being misappropriated by doctors by means of fraudulent vouchers instead of expending them for the purposes for which they are meant ?

Vaidya Sastra Kusala Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose: (*a*) and (*b*) Government are not aware.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : രോഗികൾക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്ന ബാറാമുതലായതു് കള്ളക്കണക്കെഴുതി എടുക്കുന്നതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിവില്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നു. അതിലേക്കു ശരിയായ വൌച്ചേർസ് വയ്ക്കുന്നതിനും മേലാൽ പരാതിഉണ്ടാകാതെയിരിക്കുന്നതിനും വേണ്ടി പ്രവർത്തിക്കാൻ ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Vaidya Sastra Kusala Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose: അങ്ങനെയുള്ള പരാതികൾ ഡർബാർഫിസിഷ്യൻറെ മുമ്പാകെ കൊണ്ടുവന്നാൽ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കുന്നതാണു.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

President : In regard to the adjournment motion about the remission of land tax within the Kodayar project area, will the Government member answer whether any orders of Government have been issued for full remission of land tax including water cess for lands kept fallow within the Kodayar area, during the Kanni crop of 1111 ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Sir, no orders have been passed yet on this question. It is still under the consideration of Government.

President : In the light of the answer given by the member on behalf of Government, there is no recent event and therefore the adjournment motion is out of order.

The next one is—

> "I beg to move for the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the necessity to remit 50 per cent of the land tax on account of the present economic depression."

The House has been repeatedly told and I take it that it was also aware of the provisions in the rules that an adjournment motion should not merely relate to a matter of urgent public importance, but that it should relate to a matter of recent occurrence.

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[President.]

In the motion that I have just now read out to the House there is no question of any event of recent occurrence. On the other hand it is a definite recommendation by the honourable member that something should be done. That certainly does not fulfil the provisions relating to adjournment motions. Therefore I rule it out of order.

The next motion is—

"I beg to move for the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the recent amendment introduced by the Government in the Education Code prohibiting prayers in schools."

So far as I can see, I think this motion fulfils the requisite condition relating to an adjournment motion. Does any honourable member object to it?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I object to it.

President: Objection having been taken, as many honourable members as are in favour of the motion being discussed on the floor of the House, will please rise in their places.

No member rose in his place.

President: No member having risen in his place leave is refused.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know, Sir, who sent that motion?

President: Of course, the gentleman who has been holding the field. (*Laughter*). Mr. Narayana Aiyar, you wanted to say something.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I wanted to make some representation in regard to the questions that I sent. They reached this office on the 3rd of Karkatakam and the regular business of this meeting commences only from to-day although there was a meeting on the 7th. There was no further business than the speech of the Financial Secretary on that day. Then there was the notice to hold a session from the 8th forward. There was also a conditional notice. It reads as follows —

"I am directed by the President to inform you, that if the Agriculturists' Relief Bill is passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly, it will be taken up for consideration by the Council at its meeting to be held at 12 noon on the 22nd July 1936 and on the succeeding three days."

But some how it so happened that the Bill could not be taken up. So, the regular business begins only from to-day forward.

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